



Regional Service Council Minutes Region # 17

Meeting Date: March 15, 2013

Meeting Location: Memorial Hospital Southside Office

Council Members Present: RM Lesko, Mendy Berry, Alissa Haaff, Amy Tempel, Lisa Smith, Melisa Tye, Darlene McBride, Judge Weikert, Judge Dartt, David Galloway, and Sandy Bowman.

Council Members Absent: Judge Dartt, Judge Weikert, Cheryl Hillenberg, and Kim Donnelly.

Others In Attendance: John Schroder, Pam Kiser, Nancy Rennie, Kris Mann, Nick Miller, Leslie Rowland, Darren Tye, April Best and Stephanie Hawks.

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Meeting Called to Order at: 8:30 A.M. by RM Lesko. Roll call was held.

RM Lesko asked if there were any additions or corrections to the minutes from the previous meeting. Director Berry made a motion to approve the meetings minutes and council member Lisa Smith seconded the motion. The minutes were approved as read.

Council member Haaff informed the council that Meghan Olds, FC Specialist transferred to Terre Haute (Vigo County). Alissa also informed the council that she will be leaving state employment as of April 5, 2013.

Programs/Committee Report

Community Partners: Nick Miller with IHBS gave a summary of the referrals for the month of February 28, 2013. As of February 28, 2013 a total of 80 open cases are currently being serviced through Community Partners for Child Safety in Region 17.

In the month of February, a total of 28 new referrals were made for consideration and 25 were serviced.

Of the referrals, two came from Crawford County, eight came from Daviess County, two came from Dubois County, three came from Martin County, two came from Orange County, four came from Perry County and seven came from Spencer County.

Sources of the referrals (Partners) for his month included the Daviess County Department of Child Services, Dubois County Department of Child Services, Martin County Department of Child Services, Orange County Department of Child Services, Spencer County Department of Child Services, Perry Central School, Perry County Court office, Pediatric office , and self referrals.

Closing Report- January 2013-March 2013

34 closed service cases

30 closed successfully 88%

Average 94.6 days open

Average 77.0 hours work per case.

Budget is reported through February 2013. 57.7% of funding used. Received new money and hiring new staff.

Nick informed council that Perry Central will be holding a health fair and IHBS will have a booth.

IHBS is starting a Parent Involvement Group for Region 17 and will meet on a quarterly basis.

Regional Services Coordinator's Report: Darcy stated the region is in the process of scoring proposals for Comprehensive Services.

Council decided to hold a special meeting on April 19, 2013 to score proposals.
May meeting will be cancelled.

Practice Model: Darlene McBride stated there was a peer coach meeting held last week. Trainings are held every quarter.

Statewide a lot of new FCM's and supervisors have been hired. In Region 17 over half of FCM's have less than one year of experience.

On 4-16-13 there will be a statewide candle light vigil.

Regional Foster Care Specialist: Alissa Haaff, FC Specialist informed the council Sharon Bates is the new FC Specialist Supervisor for Region 17. Alissa stated on 3-18-13 a foster parent support group will be held at the DCS office in

Jasper and another one will be held on April 23rd at the Rockport Library. Alissa stated support groups are starting to pick up. May 4, 2013 is the date for the annual foster parent picnic and once again will be at the Huntingburg City Park starting at 12:00 ET. Melissa Coots will be the trainer this year. The picnic is family oriented and there will be lots of activities for the children.

The RAFT conference for foster parents will be held on July 11-13, 2013 in Indianapolis. Foster parents can attend all or one day. Scholarships will be available also.

Fatherhood Initiative Program: Nick Miller with IHBS stated there are 5 open cases in the region. At this time he is working with Dubois, Perry and Spencer counties.

Nick updated council on Perry County case where dad is now working as a tutor in GED program. He is working with him on age appropriate discipline. Release date set for end of April 2013. Dad is also involved in NA.

Regional Finance Managers Report: Region 17 has done better with the budget.

RFM will train FCM's on the financial system and how it works. Training will be quarterly.

Safely Home Families First:

Old Business: None

New Business: RSC will vote on proposals next meeting.

Lisa Smith, supervisor in the Crawford County office reported to the council on 10-5-13 the Crawford County Prevent Child Abuse Council along with SWICAC to host a 5k run/walk. Cost is \$25.00 per person (free tee shirt); \$30.00 day of the run (no tee shirt); \$50.00 for family of 3. This 5k run will start at Milltown Elementary school and will begin at 8:30 central time. The k5 run is titled Strong Bodies Safe Families.

Public Testimony/Announcement: None

Next Meeting Date, Location and Time: A motion was made by Mendy Berry to adjourn and seconded by Lisa Smith. The meeting adjourned at 9:30A.M. The next meeting will be held on Friday April 19, 2013. It will start at 8:30 A.M. EST and will be held at the Dubois County DCS office.

